

The President

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Dear President,

I would like to thank you for your letter of 25 May in which you showed as ever, your unwavering dedication to the European project, proposing that the Conference on the Future of Europe delivers a number of very ambitious actions, in particular, a new draft European federal Constitution for a political Union, and a Treaty reform to set up new European resources.

It goes without saying that in the current crisis, this Conference, involving both citizens and stakeholders, has not only become more necessary and important than ever, but that it should also step up its determination and commitment to deliver concrete and tangible results for the European citizens.

I am pleased to count on the full support of the Union of European Federalists in this challenging process. Indeed, as the only institution constituted by democratically elected representatives of all European citizens, the European Parliament must play a key role and, in fact, with its resolutions of 15 January and 18 June, it has been well ahead in this process, demonstrating its full commitment to the endeavour.

As you know, the Committee on Constitutional Affairs continues to regularly discuss this matter. The Committee on Budgets is fully committed in its negotiating role for the next Multiannual Financial Framework, where the issue of own resources is of paramount importance for the European Parliament. Needless to say that all parliamentary committees will be active within their competences, such as the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, to provide their input and all necessary expertise to ensure that this process is a success.

Following the agreement at Coreper on 24 June, on the Council's position for the Conference, I sincerely hope that we can now proceed very swiftly and without any further delay with the necessary inter-institutional negotiations to reach a joint declaration to set up the structure, objectives and scope of the Conference for the next two years, and that the process can be launched as soon as possible.

Throughout this process, your organisation, like many others, will have plenty of opportunities to provide your views and contributions in a structured manner, so that your proposals may be taken into account.

I therefore very much look forward to your further input to make the Conference a real success, which should in turn lead to concrete actions to meet the expectations of our citizens and stakeholders, now that they, more than ever before, need a stronger Union.

Yours sincerely,



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